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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gundersen OB Department Upgrade as a community project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital and Clinics, located at 112 Jefferson St, West Union, Iowa 52175.

This funding would fund the expansion and modernization of the maternity health unit at Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital and Clinics. The purpose of this investment is to fund construction of a new labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum (LDRP) room, modernization the existing LDRP rooms, converting the smallest existing room into a lactation consulting room to support new mothers learning to breastfeed, and the purchase of essential medical equipment, including: five LDRP beds, one isolette (an incubator for premature newborns), five hospital-grade nursery bassinets, three new emergency carts, five external fetal monitors, and one infant warmer. There is strong community support for this request.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 USC 1926(a). The entity is eligible under 7 CFR 3570.53.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations